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GENERAL INTEREST

VADM Timothy W. LaFleur relieved VADM Edward Moore Jr. as Commander, Naval Surface Force, Pacific Fleet, in a Change of Command Ceremony. The ceremony was held at Pier 2, Naval Station San Diego, CA.

CDR Mark Olson relieved CDR Paul Ims as Commanding Officer USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730), Blue, in a Change of Command Ceremony at Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Keyport, WA on 1 June 2001.

CDR David Duryea relieved CRD Kevin Torcolini as Commanding Officer of USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728), Gold, in a Change of Command Ceremony at Deterrent Park on 8 June 2001.

CDR Jonathan Dowell relieved CRD Terry Wichert as Commanding Officer of USS ALABAMA (SSBN 731), Gold, in a Change of Command Ceremony at Deterrent Park on 14 June 2001.

Captain Bruce Gustin III, Commanding Officer Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific, Bangor WA, retired from naval service on 29 June 2001. Captain Gustin was the Navy's senior LDO on active duty. The Northwest region appreciates his assistance and cooperation during his time as Commanding Officer of SWFPAC, and wishes him success in his next adventure.

The Northwest Regional Maintenance Center (NWRMC) says good bye to LCDR Jamie Flayharty today as she retires after 20 years of honorable and dedicated service to the U. S. Navy. While attached to the NWRMC she served as head of the development group, as regional initiatives coordinator, as regional calibration center coordinator, and as director when the captain assigned retired with no relief. No matter which job she was assigned, Jamie always served with enthusiasm. She has been deeply involved in the Intermediate and Depot consolidation in the Northwest. She always looked forward,

encouraging other team members to become involved and to keep the ball rolling. The progress towards consolidation in the Northwest could not have been accomplished without her efforts. She will be missed by the staff and those who had the opportunity to work with her. We wish her the best of everything in retirement.

ADM William J. Fallon, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, visited the USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) 21 June 2001. RADM Fallon congratulated the ship's crew on an extremely successful Inspection and Survey (INSURV) held in November of 2000 and complimented the crew on the recent accomplishments achieved during battle group exercises with the USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) Battle Group.

The prestigious Omaha Trophy, which is presented annually to the best Trident submarine in the fleet, was awarded on 8 June 2001 to the two crews of the USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728), for the year 2000. The selection of the FLORIDA as the top ballistic missile submarine supporting the U.S. Strategic Command came prior to the Gold crew's completing the 3500th submarine force strategic deterrent patrol, another singular honor for the boat.

The Navy has announced that it is delaying source selection for the DD 21 program to take advantage of the results of the ongoing reviews being conducted within the Department of Defense. "This is a significant program approaching a significant milestone", said Under Secretary of the Navy Robert B. Pirie Jr. "As we continue to look at how the Navy will be shaped in the 21st century by participating in the ongoing strategic reviews, it is only prudent to ensure DD 21 reflects the results of those reviews."

The two competing DD 21 teams will continue their system development efforts under the Fiscal Year 2001 Phase II contract. This work will focus on continued development of critical DD 21 technologies and reducing program risk. The Blue Team is led by Bath Iron Works with Lockheed Martin Government Electronic Systems, Moorestown, NJ, and the Gold Team is led by Ingalls Shipbuilding, with Raytheon Systems, Falls Church, VA.

LT Brain D. Lawrence, Regional Diving Officer, recently spent an afternoon talking to Hawkins Middle School students during their annual "Career Day". He spoke with 7th and 8th graders at this Belfair, WA School, explaining his job as a Navy Diver and demonstrating various pieces of diving equipment used in his day to day work. Volunteers from each session were asked to model pieces of LT Lawrence's diving equipment. The 27 pound MK-21 Diving Helmet was the most popular item. Hawkins Middle School has hosted a "Career Day", which is very popular with the students, for the past five years.

NEW INDUSTRIAL FERROUS METAL HEAT TREATING SYSTEM PROVIDES AIMD WHIDBEY WITH ADVANCED CAPABILITIES

AIMD Whidbey's new G-M Enterprises Endothermic Gas Heat Treatment Furnace System is now operational. This new industrial furnace located in AIMD is the Northwest Region's newest and most modern metallurgic heat treatment system. This system will increase AIMD's capabilities by eliminating long turn around times required to ship aircraft and support equipment components to a commercial heat treatment facility in a Seattle, WA. The oven processes all Carbon Steels, Tool Steels, Stainless Steels and majority of non-ferrous metals. Processes used are hardening, tempering, annealing, normalizing, and case hardening. The Endothermic Integral Model GMA 242436 oil/air quench oven is capable of operating within 1450 to 1900 degrees Fahrenheit, with a temperature uniformity of plus and minus 25 degrees. The work area is 24 inches x 24 inches x 36 inches, with a workload of 1000 lbs. maximum at 1750 degrees Fahrenheit. The tempering furnace is a GM Model BF 242436, box type. It can operate up to 1500 degrees Fahrenheit and the capacity is up to 24 inches x 24 inches x 36 inches, 1000 lbs. max. The Linberg Pit Furnace is available for Aluminum alloys with the work area of 14 inches x 27 inches at a maximum operating temperature of 1250 degrees.

The installation was funded by the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIRSYSCOM) under the Affordable Readiness Initiative Program and is expected to result in two million dollars in cost avoidance over the next ten years. The project will not only save money but is also expected to enhance the readiness of all aviation units supported at NAS Whidbey Island. Additionally, heat treat services are available to the Northwest Region upon request and can be arranged through AIMD Production Control at (360) 257-2797 or DSN 820-2797. The Welding shop will answer any technical questions at (360) 257-4725 or DSN 820-4725.

AIR COMPRESSOR REGIONAL REPAIR CENTER

The Air Compressor Regional Repair Center (RRC) and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) personnel removed four High Pressure Air Compressors from USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) that are being replaced with new lower maintenance compressors. Three of the compressors will be overhauled by the Air Compressor RRC and shipped to Pearl Harbor, HI for installation on The USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40). The fourth compressor will be stored as a ready spare until the VINSON upgrades to the new lower maintenance air compressors.

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NORTHWEST MAINTENANCE INTEGRATION STUDY TEAMS

Ten Maintenance Integration study teams have been chartered in the Northwest region. The teams have been tasked to study ship maintenance processes used by PSNS and NAVIMFAC PACNORWEST, with the intent of making them seamless. The teams are

Engineering/Planning and QA, Training, Resources, Military Integration, Personnel Transfers/Employee Relations, Metrics, Business/Customer Interface, Financial Integration, Automated Information Systems, and Operations. Each team is addressing specific taskings developed by the Integration Management Team (IMT) and approved by the PSNS and NAVIMFAC PACNORWEST Commanding Officers. Our intent is to provide updates on team progress in the Reader. Additionally, team leaders and minutes are posted on the NWRMC web site.

The Metrics Team is preparing a presentation on their proposed "Top Level Consolidation Metrics and Assessment Plan". The presentation will be made to the Integration Management Team and to the Senior and Executive Management Committees for consolidation. The Team is working with NAVSEA, CINCPACFLT and CINCLANTFLT to ensure that all of the required information is being provided and data collected includes all elements necessary for top management to assess the progress of the consolidation of PSNS and NAVIMFAC PACNORWEST. At the same time the Team is striving to ensure those metrics selected will be valid, meaningful and will also address the effects of consolidation.

*****REGIONAL MAINTENANCE MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/VISITS*****

FLEET MAINTENANCE EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE (FMESC) MEETING: The next FMESC Meeting will be held 11–12 July 2001 in the Northwest region, at the Combined Mess Open (CMO) SUBASE Bangor, WA in the Trident Ball Room. A conference fee of \$35.00 will be collected at the door; regrettably we will not be able to accept credit cards.

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